

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- D Howarth, K Liddell, S Simpson, K J Duffy & S McDonnell

Messrs:- S McGlen, A Watson, S Miles, S Franklin, G Carne, T Duffy & C Watkins

The Chairman advised Members of the committee that part of the meeting may be recorded by both audio and video, and it may be that photographs were taken.

46. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from K Hawley, A C Long, L Fenwick and R Moore. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

47. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. None were given.

48. Taste Buddies

The Sport and Well Being Manager and Project Activity Officer gave a presentation on the Taste Buddies initiative how it all started and that it had been running for 38 weeks with an average of fifteen people attending. Several of the regular attendees of the sessions spoke at the meeting explaining the benefits they got from attending Taste Buddies. It was reported the funding for the sessions would run out after January and approximately £2,400 – 2,900 was required to run the sessions for a further year. The AIMS Group was to be resurrected in an attempt to obtain future funding support for Taste Buddies. **RESOLVED this item be placed on the Council agenda for consideration to be given for funding support.**

The progress report of the Sports & Well Being Manager providing information for Members about new and existing Sport & Wellbeing activities, events, marketing, sports clubs and Lowhills Road Bowls Club was then considered. **RESOLVED the information contained in the report, be noted.**

49. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

50. Report of the Events Working Party of Monday 18th November 2019 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.

51. Notes from the Pinch Point Meeting held on 22nd November 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.

52. GT Group Band, Charity Concert, Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites, Wednesday 15th January 2020

The Mayor had requested this item be placed on the agenda to consider arrangements for this event and how the Town Council may support the Band. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED permission be granted for the Band to provide a complimentary toast drink and piece of cake to everyone attending their celebration event.**